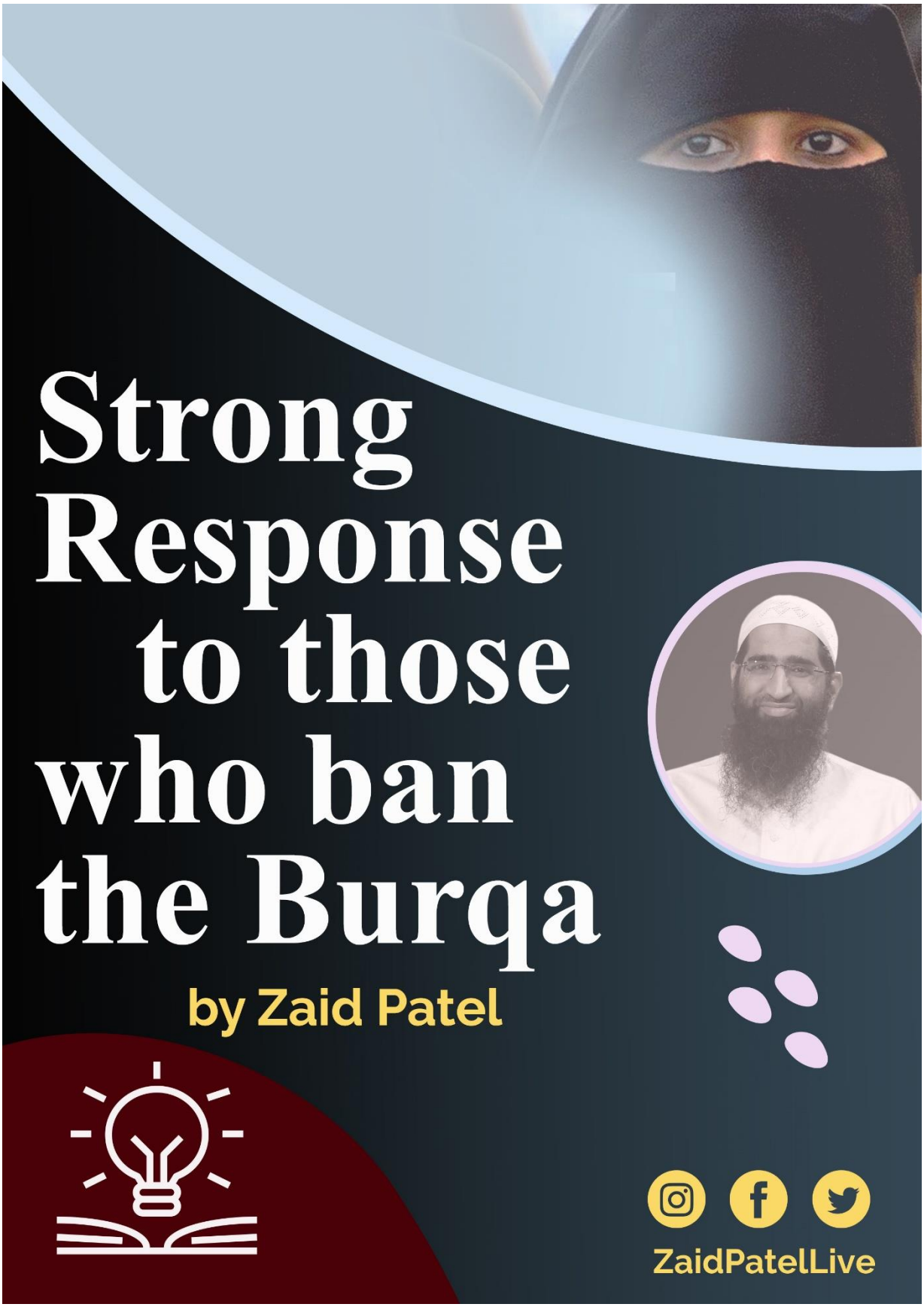

Strong Response to those who ban the Burqa
by Zaid Patel
ZaidPatelLive

I’m **Zaid Patel**, and you are watching **Straight Forward.**

The Sri Lankan cabinet has signed on the Burqa ban order. It now awaits Parliament approval. Meanwhile Switzerland, after a full referendum, banned the Niqab. The Niqab has been banned in France for many years. Our country’s mainstream media, taking this as an example, appears to support this. And certain radical elements are being seen who demand a Burqa ban even in India. That is why I considered it important to share some thoughts with you all.

Point number one: I ask those who are of the opinion that women have the right to display their bodies, on what basis do you say this? The answer: freedom! If women are allowed to display their bodies in the name of freedom, then why can’t women cover their bodies in the name of the same freedom? If in the name of freedom a woman is free to dress however she pleases, why can’t women wear the burqa in the same freedom’s name?

A feminist movement called My Body My Choice has been active from 1969 up until now. According to this slogan itself, why can't a Muslim woman wear a burqa?

My Body, My Choice – 1969 to date
Mera Jism Meri Marzi

Point number two: Have a look at the following judgment of The Human Rights Committee of the UN. They judged that a niqab ban is against the religious freedom of women.

The niqab ban and burqa ban are in violation of the values of religious freedom enshrined in the Constitution.

UN News https://news.un.org/en/story/2018/10/1023872

French full-body veil ban, violated women's freedom of religion: UN Human Rights Committee

23 October 2018 | Human Rights

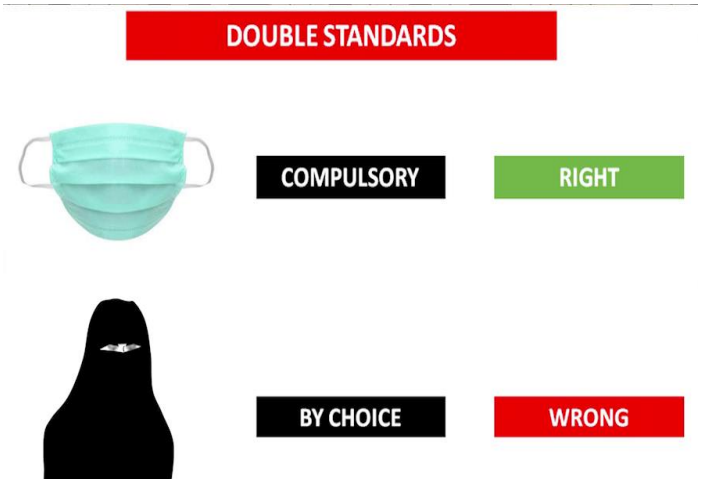
Following complaints by two French Muslim women, fined for wearing a full-body veil or niqab, a UN Committee of independent human rights experts ruled in their favour on Tuesday, stating that their freedom to practice their religion had been infringed.

The Committee, mandated with monitoring the implementation of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, received the two complaints in 2016.

The women had been prosecuted, convicted and fined in 2012 for wearing the niqab, based on a 2010 French law which stipulates that "no one may, in a public space, wear any article of clothing intended to conceal the face." The law has the effect of banning the wearing of the full Islamic veil in public, which covers the whole body, leaving only a narrow slit for the eyes.

The Committee of 18 independent experts from around the world, stated in two rulings, that the right to practice one's religion includes the wearing of distinctive clothing and head coverings.

Point number three: In the times we are currently living in, wearing the face mask is compulsory in a lot of countries due to COVID 19.



Now you tell me, when due to COVID-19 people are forced to wear the face mask, and they comply with it, does

wearing a face mask not allow one to integrate into society? Are people not able to socialize? Then why the thought that women wearing the Niqab cannot integrate themselves into society?

CBS NEWS https://www.cbsnews.com/news/france-burqa-ban-islamic-face-coverings-masks-mandatory/

France will still ban Islamic face coverings even after making masks mandatory

BY JASON SILVERSTEIN
UPDATED ON: MAY 12, 2020 / 5:09 PM / CBS NEWS

France is now mandating masks for all citizens in certain public areas during the coronavirus pandemic. But that doesn't change the country's controversial ban on Islamic face coverings.

The French government confirmed that its years-long ban on wearing burqas, niqabs and other full-face coverings in public will remain in place, even as face masks become mandatory on Monday. While French citizens nationwide will be covering their faces, women who do so with Islamic garb are still subject to punishment.

A Muslim woman wearing a Niqab is wearing it by her own choice! Why these double standards?

Point number four: Christians, when it comes to photos of the Mother Mary, show her as covered. To the extent that even her hair are mostly covered.

When nuns keep themselves covered, they are regarded with great respect!

Several religions' women members cover themselves. Are they all wrong to do this?

Look at this: the women you're looking at are not Muslim women.

These women in black burqas happen to be ***Jewish women*!** This is because there is a **Jewish** sect named the **Haredi burqa sect,**

Ultra-Orthodox Jewish women known in Israel as 'Neshot Ha Shalim' cover themselves completely in a burqa-like, head-to-toe black cloth MENAHEM KAHANA/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

https://www.tabletmag.com/sections/news/articles/im-against-the-jewish-burqa-too

Photo from Mea Shearim in Jerusalem

about whom you can read a **Wikipedia** page, who believe that women should remain totally covered. Is all this also wrong?

Haredi burqa sect

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Haredi_burqa_sect

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The **Haredi burqa sect** (Hebrew: נשות השאלים, romanized: *Neshót haShalím*, lit. "'shawl-wearing women'"), is a religious group within Haredi Judaism, primarily concentrated in Israel, which claims that modesty requires a burqa-style covering of a woman's entire body, a *shal* (plural *shalim*, "shawl"), including a veil covering the face. The garment is also called *frumka*, a play of the word frum (Yiddish: "devout") and "burqa". The group, which was estimated to number several hundred in 2011, is concentrated in the town of Beit Shemesh.

The issue has proven controversial in Haredi circles, with vocal condemnation of the face-covering veil by many Haredi organizations, including Edah HaChareidis.

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A member of the sect in Meah Shearim

In several parts of India itself, **Hindu women** wear a **ghungat.**

NATIONAL HERALD

https://www.nationalheraldindia.com/opinion/ghunghat-still-a-prominent-practice-among-young-hindu-women-in-india-survey

Ghunghat still a prominent practice among young Hindu women in India: Survey

Ghunghat has a different social meaning than pardah, the practice of women's seclusion common in Muslim households

Rajiv Shah
Published: 01 Jan 2018, 8:58 AM

THE TIMES OF INDIA

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/world/full-face-veil-a-look-at-the-laws-in-europe/articleshow/58432363.cms

The Senate of France on September 14, 2010, ordered ban on the wearing of face-covering headgear, including masks, helmets, balaclavas, niqabs and other veils covering the face in public places, except under specified circumstances. The ban also applies to the burqa, a full-body covering, if it covers the face. Consequently, full body costumes and Zentais (skin-tight garments covering entire body) were banned.

You will see yourself that when France banned the niqab, they also banned other forms of face covering such as **helmets.**

Now if covering the face gets banned in India, then the ghungat should also be banned.

Now I will, in this video, refute and answer three reasons which are commonly given for the Burqa ban. But before I go ahead, I want to present you with a message, that if you really wish to understand the concept of burqa and hijab in Islam, then you need to take some time out to understand

the concept of Islam. And to understand this, you will find links in the description that will lead you to videos introducing you to Islam, and Quran translation. Definitely have a look at them!

The first reason that is given for the niqab and burqa bans are: **security concerns.**

Whether you consider France, Switzerland, certain people appearing in Indian media, or Sri Lanka, you will find the same reason given everywhere. “Security concerns”.

https://www.dw.com/en/sri-lanka-to-ban-burqas-over-national-security-concerns/a-56865781

NEWS

Sri Lanka to ban burqas over 'national security' concerns

The authorities in Buddhist-majority Sri Lanka pledged to close over 1,000 Islamic schools and formally ban burqas. The government also granted itself powers to detain suspects for "deradicalization."

THE HINDU

https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/karnataka/man-in-burqa-caught-thrashed/article31841321.ece

KARNATAKA

Man in burqa caught, thrashed

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

JUNE 16, 2020 14:53 IST
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A video of a man wearing a burqa who is being thrashed by locals is getting viral on social media. The video claimed that the person is Siddu Paragond, native of Sindgi town of the district.

Their opinion is this: someone clad in a Burqa can do *anything*. Of course, this is possible. It can happen. That some wrong element wears a burqa and tries to spread corruption, tries to do something wrong, is possible.

FINANCIAL EXPRESS
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https://www.financialexpress.com/india-news/vishwa-hindu-parishad-man-abhishek-yadav-caught-in-burqa-molesting-women-beaten-black-and-blue/412901/

Vishwa Hindu Parishad man Abhishek Yadav caught in burqa molesting women; beaten black and blue

By: FE Online | Updated: Oct 10, 2016 1:01 PM

A Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) man was caught in a burqa during a religious meeting in Allahabad's Mauaima area after he harassed a woman.

But that's not only with a Burqa! People wear police uniforms and commit robberies! The biggest bank robbery in our country's history took place wearing police uniforms. Terrorist attacks have taken place by terrorists who were wearing police uniforms.

THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS

https://www.newindianexpress.com/cities/delhi/2020/oct/03/robbers-dressed-up-as-cop-steal-valuables-in-delhi-2205160.html

Home › Cities › Delhi

Robbers dressed up as cop steal valuables in Delhi

An FIR would be registered after getting a complaint as Siddiqui, who runs a weighing bridge in Sikhera Road, has to check the value of gold ornaments that were stolen, the SHO said.

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https://www.thelocal.it/20140507/italian-robbers-used-police-uniforms-to-rob-banks/

Bank robbers 'disguised themselves as police'

The men allegedly disguised themselves with uniforms from Italy's Financial Guard to rob banks like uniforms pictured. File photo: Wikicommons

Three men have been arrested in Rome charged with systematically robbing banks while disguised as police officers over a two-year period.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Labh_Singh

The Chicago Sun-Times reported that "12 to 15 Sikhs dressed as policemen and armed with submachine guns and rifles escaped with nearly $4.5 million in the biggest bank robbery in Indian history." "No one was injured." A Police spokesman described it as "a neat and clean operation".[7]

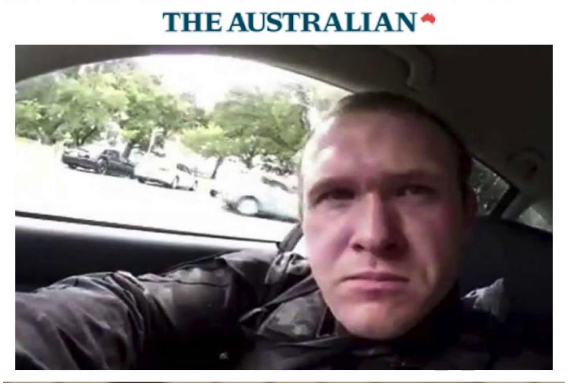
^ a b c d "Sikh Separatists Masquerade as Police to Stage India's Biggest Bank Robbery". *Los Angeles Times*. 13 February 1987. Retrieved 23 January 2016. "Sikh(bracketed)

Are we then going to ban all police uniforms too?

Bank robberies have been committed by robbers dressed as nuns. One Hollywood movie showed a scene in which a bank robbery was committed while wearing nuns' clothing, after that a string of bank robberies started in nuns' clothing. Let's see about the clothing of our Hindu brothers. All-India Akhada Parishad, the apex body of Hindu Sadhus, has released a list of seventeen fake babas,

otherwise known as **'dongi' babas.** Now tell me, what if someone says that their clothes need to be banned as well, due to the crimes these fake babas committed? Is this justice?

What was the woman who had worn the bomb used in the assassination of India's ex-Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi wearing? She was wearing shalwar-kameez. So will we now ban shalwar-kameez as well?



If someone commits a crime wearing pants-and-shirt, will we also ban pants-and-shirt? Do you know that crores and crores of women wear the hijab around the world? And how many cases will you find of such misuse? Hardly a handful. Are we going to create trouble for all women thanks to them? How is it justice to ban the burqa for *all* women? Just as it does not follow that every person dressed as a police officer is indeed one, it does not follow that every person dressed in a burqa is going to be a Muslim woman. It does not even follow that it is a *woman* at all, as you can see in this case.

The next reason that is given is: "integration". The accusation frequently put forth is that when a Muslim woman dons the Hijab, she is unable to fully "integrate" into society. I, in response to this, have already told you the first point: is integration gone from society today just by

wearing face masks? Are people not integrated into society? If you want to know the best answer to this question, you should look towards India. In India, you will find Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Jains, Parsis and Buddhists, and eighty-four other small religions which you will see if you look at a census report, and these religions

Religion	Number
All Religions	121 Crores
Hindu	96.62 Crores
Muslim	17.22 Crores
Christian	2.78 Crores
Sikh	2.08 Crores
Buddhist	84.43 Lakhs
Jain	44.52 Lakhs
Other Religion	79.38 Lakhs
Not Stated	28.67 Lakhs

are all practiced in India, along with their *visible signs*; despite that, people remain integrated. It is not that they drift apart from each other and that the country lacks integration. And this doesn't apply to religions only. If you look at cultures, from Punjab to Kerala, from the East to

the West, you will find a variety of cultures, each culture of which has its own clothing, own languages, own customs and traditions, all of which, despite all that, remain one nation, united. Islam teaches that all humankind is the offspring of Adam. And by being the children of Adam, we are part of one huge family. Whatever portion of the world you are from, whatever color you are, whichever culture you belong to, you are part of the same one human family. This is international brotherhood. From international-level integration to local-level integration, Islam teaches us that our neighbor, whether he is our relative or some stranger, deserves to be treated well. Islam has taught us to integrate from an international to a local level. It has not taught us to be apart.

NDTV Burqa "Sign Of Extremism, We Will Definitely Ban It": Sri Lanka Minister Minister for public security Sarath Weerasekera told a news conference he had signed a paper on Friday for cabinet approval to ban the full face covering worn by some Muslim women on "national security" grounds.	**The third reason given is this:** that this Hijab, this burqa, this niqab, is a symbol of extremism, of radicalism.

I ask, what do you mean by extremism? Islam opposes extremism. Muhammad (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) opposed it in his teachings. The Quran teaches that

Muslims are an Ummatul Wusta, Wusta meaning the middlemost community, the balanced nation. What else does extremism mean? Terrorism. You will see, even in Sri Lanka, after the Easter bombings, voices were raised to ban the burqa. The question is this: is it justice that all two hundred crore Muslims be harassed due to the actions of a

few? Islam opposes terrorism in every form. Muslim scholars have opposed terrorism in every form. And do you know, in the world, who are the biggest victims of terrorist

https://www.state.gov/j/ct/rls/crt/2011/195555.htm?goMobile=0

- In cases where the religious affiliation of terrorism casualties could be determined, Muslims suffered between 82 and 97 percent of terrorism-related fatalities over the past five years.
- Muslim majority countries bore the greatest number of attacks involving 10 or more deaths, with Afghanistan sustaining the highest number (47), followed by Iraq (44), Pakistan (37), Somalia (28), and Nigeria (12).
- Afghans also suffered the largest number of fatalities overall with 3,245 deaths, followed by Iraqis (2,958), Pakistanis (2,038), Somalis (1,013), and Nigerians (590).

Terrorism in 2016, by Region

Region	Total Attacks	% of Total	% Change from 2015	Total Deaths	% of Total	% Change from 2015
Middle East & North Africa	6088	45%	+2%	19121	55%	+8%
South Asia	3628	27%	-21%	7774	22%	-6%
Sub-Saharan Africa	2051	15%	+6%	6591	19%	-37%
Southeast Asia	1078	8%	+1%	635	2%	-2%
Western Europe	269	2%	-20%	238	1%	+39%
South America	133	1%	-24%	71	0%	-44%
Eastern Europe	132	1%	-81%	112	0%	-86%
North America	72	1%	+14%	73	0%	+38%
Central Asia	16	0%	+78%	20	0%	+54%
Australasia & Oceania	10	0%	-29%	0	0%	-100%
East Asia	8	0%	-71%	32	0%	-74%
Central America & Caribbean	3	0%	+200%	9	0%	-
Total	**13488**	**100%**	**-9%**	**34676**	**100%**	**-10%**

acts? From Al-Qaeda to ISIS, you will see that the **biggest victims of terrorism are Muslims!** Read these reports, have a look! There is nothing called radical Islam. There is real Islam, and what is paraded with the name of radical Islam is actually ***un-Islamic*, is *anti-Islamic*.** There is no

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Ulama endorse fatwa against terror

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HYDERABAD: Nearly 6,000 Ulama Islamic scholars gathered in the city on Saturday endorsed a fatwa that declares that all forms of terrorism are against the spirit of Islam. The endorsement termed the Hyderabad declaration came at the 29th general body meeting of Jamiat Ulama-e-Hind and would be read out at a public meeting on Sunday evening.

place for it in Islam. And we, in this situation, need to stop being prejudiced. This is an age of media propaganda, many times there are fake terror videos made! Fake

allegations are made, of which many years later it is found out that they weren't the culprits at all.

INDEPENDENT

http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world-0/terror-attacks-media-coverage-muslim-islamist-white-racism-islamophobia-study-georgia-state-a7820726.html

News › World › Americas

Terror attacks receive five times more media coverage if perpetrator is Muslim, study finds

Muslims carried out just 12.4 per cent of attacks in the US but received 41.4 per cent of news coverage

They found that the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing, which was carried out by two Muslim attackers and killed three people, received almost 20 per cent of all coverage relating to US terror attacks in the five-year period.

And if any terror case has a Muslim name, it receives at least five times the publicity and media attention.

My request is this: to my brothers from all religions, especially the government, that they, in the spirit of human brotherhood, not support anything like the burqa ban.

Oppose it, stop it. If you are against this burqa ban, definitely share this video, and forward it too! In this video, I have answered three questions. However I have left out answering one question, which I will answer in my next video, in which we will see that the burqa is not any kind of oppression, any kind of injustice, or any kind of outdated practice. And I request you that just the way you've watched this video, that you watch the next video as well. Thank you, and I look forward to seeing you again.

Assalamu alaikum warahmatullah.